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Nebraska has been the leader. In fact a year or so ago ETBE was all the rage. I know it comes and goes, it wanes and it waxes, but the facts are that we should keep Section 10 of the bill and we should encourage the development of ETBE as one or more of the alternatives in developing better fuels. Senator Wesely is a Health Committee chairman. Senator Wesely, you ought to be one of the foremost proponents of the development of ETBE because of the fact that it should provide a more healthful atmosphere.

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: You ought not to be one of those who just disregards the health of the people of this state by discouraging the development of ETBE. You did propose a little health improvement plan for the State of Nebraska. I don't know what it was going to cost, 40 million or something like that. I would probably support that if it ever got to this point of the discussion. But it might be, Senator, that the development of ETBE could reduce the health care costs of this state considerably and of some of the metropolitan areas of the United States. I vigorously support keeping Section 10 in the bill.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Schmit. Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Question.

SPEAKER BAACK: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. We will now vote on ceasing debate. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Debate has ceased. I will go to Senator Wehrbein to close on Section 10 of the amendment.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. Speaker and members, thank you. And I will close briefly because I know you want to go onto other things. But when I said that it wasn't that critical to me, I felt the other part of the bill was important, actually I want to say ETBE is extremely important for the future. The problem is we don't know where it lies at this point. It does ebb and flow like Senator Schmit said, and he made several really good points on ETBE and I want to emphasize those. It's just that we